Foreign Trips of Ministers

190. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Union Ministers who undertook foreign tours during the last one year:

(b) the total expenditure incurred from public exchequer on their tours; and

(c) the purpose of each Minister's foreign trip?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unutilisation of Computer System at AIIMS

191. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a computer system costing saveral crores of rupees, installed at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences a few years ago for upgrading patiant care, has remained unutilised;

(b) whether it has now been declared obsolete and a new system is proposed to be installed; and

(c) if so, the cost of the new system and by what time it is expected to become operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A mainframe computer costing Rs. 80.00 (eighty) lakhs installed in the Institute in 1989 for upgrading the Patient Care Information Management System worked till June, 1997.

(b) AIIMS have reported that the mainframe and its technology has become obsolete and it has become prohibitively expensive to maintain it.

(c) The tenders for the new system is under process and the cost is to be negotiated. Efforts are on to finalise and make the new system operational at the earliest.

Schemes for Child Survival and Safe Motherhood

192. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes in progress regarding child survival and safe montherhood;

(b) whether any Survey has been conducted regarding death of woman during delivery; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last two years in Bihar, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme was started in August, 1992 with the objective of improving the health status of women and children and reducing maternal, infant and child mortality rates. The package of services under the programme for children included-essential newborn care, immunisation for prevention of morbidity and mortality due to six vaccine preventable diseases, management of diarrhoeal diseases and acute respiratory infections and Vitamin A prophylaxis to prevent night blindness. For safe mother-hood, CSSM Programme envisaged ante-natal, natal and post natal care alongwith TT immunisation for prevention of tetnus in mothers and newborn, prevention and management of anaemia, early identification of maternal complications, delivery by trained personnel, promotion of institutional deliveries, management of obstetric emergencies and birth spacing. The CSSM Programme ended with the Eighth Five Year Plan in 1996-97.

During the 9th Five Year Plan commencing in 1997-98, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has launched a nation wide Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme on 15th Oct., 1997 to further improve the health care services and delivery system aiming towards adolescents, mothers and children, by strengthening and expanding the infrastructure, inducting more skilled manpower, providing essential drugs and equipments and referral services for the entire rural population. This programme has also made provision to give focussed attention to the tribal population through tribal projects.